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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

Sec. 4. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report in writing to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2019 on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of this Act and the progress on and results from any external audit of the department's child protective services system.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$386,493
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$386,493

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$579,738
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$579,738

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Provides increased funding for the creation of 16 Human Services Casework Supervisor positions within the Office of Child and Family Services, child protective services to increase coaching and oversight of child protective staff.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$768,701
All Other	\$0	\$68,727
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$837,428

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$168,740
All Other	\$0	\$21,182
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$189,922

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Provides funding for the creation of 2 Regional Associate Director for Child Welfare positions.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$161,112
All Other	\$0	\$8,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$169,692

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$35,366
All Other	\$0	\$1,883
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$37,249

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective Services Program Administrator positions via a \$5 per wage-hour stipend payment.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$3,040,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,040,731

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$651,269
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$651,269

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, provides funding for the recruitment and retention of employees in Child Protective Services Caseworker positions, Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor positions, Child Protective Services Assistant Program Administrator positions and Child Protective Services Program Administrator positions via a \$1 per wage-hour stipend payment for employees holding or obtaining a relevant master's degree.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$93,808
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$93,808

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$20,592
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$20,592

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides funding for increased foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$2,586,929
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,586,929

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of a pilot program for child welfare services to support children in the State's custody through supportive visitation, which will allow for the supervision of court-ordered visitation with relatives of the children and will provide assessment and evaluation of parental capacity as it relates to the parent's ability to safely care for the child.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$2,250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,250,000

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides increased funding for procurement of child welfare services to support children in the State’s custody through clinical support and guidance of child welfare casework practice. This funding will allow each district office to procure a clinician to aid the district in clinical consultation within child welfare cases, in training to increase staff knowledge of mental health and behavioral needs of children in the State’s custody and in consultation within child welfare cases on parental capacity. In addition, this increase in funding will allow for procurement of clinical services to support each district office to evaluate staff functioning and provide debriefing for critical incidents.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$880,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$880,000

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the development of a new comprehensive child welfare information system.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$8,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,000,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$18,245,081
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$579,738
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$899,032
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$19,723,851

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the funding for the new child welfare information system is one-time funding. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report on the progress of the department in implementing the provisions of the legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 31, 2019. It also replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)